available. This vehicle can also be introduced at Primary Health Centre level where Primary Health Centres' roads are good enough, and subject to individual choice of the State Governments.

(c) The matter is still under considera tion of the Ministry.

(d) Purchase of vehicles under F.W. Programme is always being done on the basis of reconunendation$_s$ mad© by the Technical Committee. However, i$_n$ the pre sent case, the matter is still under _consi-deration of the Ministry.

Linking Chandigarh *to* Ludhiana by rail

2248. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(•a) whether the proposal of linking. Chandigarh to Ludhiana by rail j$_s$ still under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, what is the progress made in the matter and if not, what are the reasons for not bringing Chandigarh on the main line so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABTR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Survey for Chandigarh-Ludhiana rail link was conducted and project assessed to be financially unremunerative It$_s$ construction is not programmed in view of constraint of resources for New Lines.

Railway expansion and Development programme for Punjab

2249. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of railway ex-pansion and development programmes plan, ned for Punjab in the current plan period; and

(b) what is the amount of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) In-formation is given in the attached statement. *[See* Appendix CXLV. Annexure No. 82].

Death of a student of Allahabad Agri-cultural Institute

2250. SHRI A JIT P. K. JOGI:

SHRI DURGA PRASAD JAMUDA;

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the new$_s$ item which appeared in *Indian Express,* Bombay of 11th September, 1987 under the caption 'Student ragged to death' in which it was reported that a boy studying in Allahabad Agricultural Institute was ragged to death;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intend to take cognizance of the menace of 'ragging' in colleges in which brutal and inhuman acts are committed by the senior students on their junior students; and

(d) if so, what measures including en-actment of special penal penalities to deal with this menace and other steps Government propose to take to deal effectively with it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) According to the reports which appeared in the Press, a student of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute died in early September, 1987. It was repotred that the student died as an air-gun went off accidentally hitting him in the eye. According to the relatives of the student, however, there were signs of physical injury on his body which suggested that the death was not due to the accident as reported. They suspect